

Companion Animal D.C. June 2, 2003

The following were in attendance:

Gale Barr, Poochez-N-Pals
Nancy Duemling, K-9 + Kompany
Sue Roscoe, K-9 Shadows
Lynda Brockert, K-9 Shadows
Lizzie Brockert, K-9 Shadows (Youth)
Tammy Duletzke, Creative Clovers
Anne Crotser, staff liaison

Anne called the meeting to order.

We reviewed the handouts and the minutes from the May meeting.

Discussion followed concerning the list of clubs that Anne and Sue thought should have been represented on our Committee. She said she had talked to School Section and they did not wish to send representatives since it was a shared project with K-9 Shadows. Questions were raised as to why Clever Clovers was listed. Anne said that 3 of their members were registered for pocket pets (GBK) and that she would phone Alayne Waterstraat to see whether they wished to participate in the Committee's activities.

There was also considerable discussion about the difficulty to getting youth involvement, not only because youth often did not want to attend what they considered boring, adult meetings, but also because most youth members would have to be driven to the meeting by an adult; if the adult representative did not live near the youth representative, an additional adult driver had to be involved in the process.

We also discussed the concept of rotating representation, noting both the overriding goal of having all clubs represented at all meetings, and the problem of selecting committee leadership and representatives to the Council from a group that may contain many rotating members.

We again discussed the MSUE Director's option for appointing up to three individuals to the Committee. Sue mentioned her reasons for suggesting Chuck Bush (former 4Her and AKC Judge) or Dr. Bill Snyder (Veterinarian). Sue also raised the question of her own membership on the committee. As Armada Fair 4H Dog Superintendent she felt she should be active in the Committee's work, but Linda and Lizzie are eager to be the Club's representatives. She suggested that Marilyn appoint her to one of the three positions. We also agreed that more than three individuals per club could attend and participate in meetings, but that only two representatives could vote on issues.

We discussed the election of officers and 4H Council representatives and decided to postpone this until a later meeting because we viewed the committee as still "severely under-represented," (there being only 6 out of 14 or 16 expected participants).

We did decide to schedule two summer meetings: June 26th and July 24th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension office. Anne will communicate with all clubs about these dates. Officers and Council Representatives will be selected in June.

Anne Crotser, Staff liaison